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SUMMARY: THIS REPORT UPDATES INFORMATION ON TWO JAPANESE RED ARMY (JRA) SUSPECTS RETURNED FROM SWEDEN (NISHIMURA AND TOHIRA), THREE SUSPECTS INVOLVED IN HAGUE INCIDENT, AND STATUS OF JRA BOTH HERE AND ABROAD. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, CONFIRMED BY FONOFF AND NPA OFFICIALS IN TALKS WITH EMBOFF APRIL 18, JUN NISHIKAWA AND KAZUO TOHIRA WERE INDICTED BY TOKYO DISTRICT
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PUBLIC PROSECUTOR APRIL 3 ON CHARGE OF USING FALSE GOJ

PASSPORTS. THE INDICTMENT REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE TWO, TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER JAPANESE CALLED "KAWAI", RECEIVED FALSE GOJ PASSPORTS IN BEIRUT IN MID-FEBRUARY FROM A JAPANESE WHO CALLED HIMSELF "ABU HASSAN". THE THREE LEFT BEIRUT FOR DAMASCUS ON FEBRUARY 22 AND ARRIVED IN STOCKHOLM FEB. 27 VIA ATHENS, VIENNA, AND COPENHAGEN. THEY WENT TO OSLO,

THEN RETURNED TO STOCKHOLM ON MARCH 3. AS REPORTED REB B, NISHIMURA AND TOHIRA WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED BY SWEDISH POLICE AND DEPORTED TO JAPAN. "KAWAI" IS STILL AT LARGE. RE TOHIRA, LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT HE DEPARTED FROM JAPAN FEBRUARY 1974 AND WENT TO MIDDLE-EAST BY DIRECT ROUTE AND NOT VIA UNITED STATES AS REPORTED REF C.

2. GOJ POLICE HAVE RECEIVED GOOD EVIDENCE THROUGH NETHERLANDS POLICE AUSPICES THAT NISHIMURA, AS WELL AS HARUO WAKO AND NUNZO OKUDAIRA (REF C), WERE THE THREE JRA MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE SEPTEMBER 1974 HAGUE INCIDENT. GOJ INVESTIGATORS SENT TO THE HAGUE EARLY APRIL HAVE OBTAINED EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS AS WELL AS FIFTY PIECES OF EVIDENCE, INCLUDING TWO PISTOLS AND AMMUNITION USED BY THE EXTREMISTS. IN CONNECTION THIS INCIDENT, GOJ POLICE ARE PRESENTLY PREPARING ADDITIONAL INDICTMENT AGAINST NISHIMURA AND ARREST WARRANTS FOR WAKO AND OKUDAIRA.

3. ON THE JRA ITSELF, FONOFF AND NPA OFFICIALS SAID POLICE HAVE BEEN ABLE OBTAIN VERY LITTLE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM INTERROGATION OF NISHIMURA AND TOHIRA UP TO NOW. THE OFFICIALS DID, HOWEVER, PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM OTHER SOURCES WHICH UPDATES OUR GENERAL REPORT ON JRA SENT LAST FALL (REF D):

A. GOJ POLICE CONTINUE TO REGARD JRA AS A SMALL, LOOSELY ORGANIZED GROUP OF JAPANESE YOUNG PEOPLE OPERATING ABROAD. THE HARD-CORE GROUP PROBABLY CONSISTS OF ABOUT 30 "COMMANDOS". TOP LEADER IS STILL BELIEVED TO BE MISS FUSAKO SHIGENOBU, ALTHOUGH SHE HAS NOT BEEN LINKED DIRECTLY WITH ANY OF THE INCIDENTS IN LAST TWO YEARS. THOSE FREQUENTLY MENTIONED AS JRA LEADERS RELATIVE TO THESE INCIDENTS ARE OSAMU MARUOKA, JUNZO OKUDAIRA, AND HARUO WAKO, HER PROBABLE LIEUTENANTS. THEY IN TURN ACT

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WITH OR CONTROL JRA "SOLDIERS" (HEISHI) SUCH AS NISHIMURA, TOHIRA, AND "KAWAI".

B. THE FOREGOING COMMANDO GROUP IS BELIEVED TO BE AIDED BY SUPPORT ELEMENTS BOTH HERE AND ABROAD (TOTAL MEMBERSHIP UNKNOWN) CALLED "PEOPLE OF THE SEA" (JINMIN-NO-UMI). SUPPORT ELEMENT IN JAPAN, BELIEVED CENTERED BOTH IN TOKYO AND THE OSAKA-KYOTO AREAS, WAS PROBABLY LED BY YOSHIO AOYAGI AND YOSHIKI KUBOZONO. (BOTH WERE NAMED IN

NOTEBOOK ON PERSON OF YOSHIKI YAMADA, ALIAS "YUTAKA FURUYA", WHO WAS ARRESTED BY PARIS POLICE AND RELEASED IN CONNECTION HAGUE INCIDENT). AOYAGI AND KUBOZONO WERE ARRESTED IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 1974 RESPECTIVELY. THEY MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITING AND SENDING TOHIRA ABROAD IN FEBRUARY 1974.

C. GOJ POLICE DO NOT KNOW THE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF ANY OF THE JRA MEMBERS OR SUPPORTERS AT LARGE EXCEPT FOR KYOICHI SHIMADA, AKIRA KITAGAWA, AND TAKIKO GODA. THEY ARE RESIDING IN STOCKHOLM.

4. COMMENT: WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROBE GOJ FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS. WHILE GOJ POLICE HAVE NOT BEEN ENTIRELY FORTHCOMING IN SHARING DETAILS ON JRA WITH US, WE HAVE RECENTLY NOTED EVEN GREATER RELUCTANCE ON THEIR PART IN RECENT WEEKS DUE TO SPATE OF SPECULATION ON JRA IN FOREIGN PRESS. AS AN EXAMPLE, FONOFF AND NPA OFFICIALS CITED TO US APRIL 1 PRESS STORY DATED WASHINGTON REPORTING US CONGRESSMAN MURPHY'S RELEASE OF NAMES OF 22 JRA SUSPECTS ALLEGEDLY PLANNING A PLANE HIJACKING AT STUTTGART AIRPORT. THE OFFICIALS CLAIMED LIST CONSISTED MAINLY OF INDIVIDUALS NOT REGARDED BY GOJ POLICE AS JRA-CONNECTED. BE THAT AS IT MAY, THEY SAID SUCH STORIES FREQUENTLY PROVIDE PROTESTS FROM LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS AND OFTEN HAMPER ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS AND SUBSEQUENT COURT ACTIONS. ADDRESSEES ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO HANDLE ALL INFORMATION ON JRA SUSPECTS WITH DUE CARE FOR GOJ LEGAL AND POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES.

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